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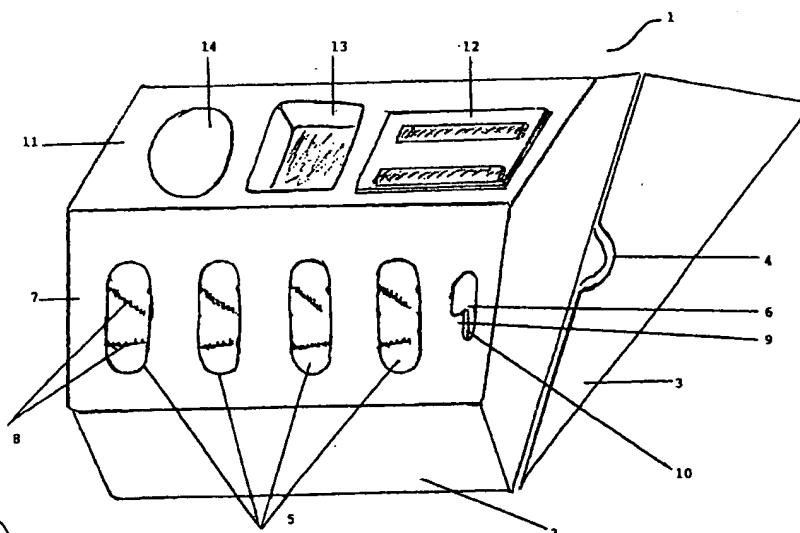
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(57) Abstract: A holder for surgical instruments, said instruments being of the type having a distal portion for engagement with a patient during surgery and a proximal portion for manipulation by a surgeon, said holder comprising a body (7), a plurality of retainers (5) mounted on or in the body (7) and a separator located between adjacent retainers (5), wherein location of the distal portion of a surgical instrument in or by a retainer (5) substantially separates the distal portion of the surgical instrument against contact with the distal portion of a surgical instrument located in an adjacent retainer (5) and the distal portions of the surgical instrument being substantially enclosed by the retainer (5).

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